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In light of the Department of Transportation’s (“Department” or “DOT”) Order 2022-6-1, American Airlines, Inc. (“American”) hereby applies, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109 and Subpart C of the Department’s Rules of Practice (14 C.F.R. Part 302), for exemption authority and frequencies to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Miami, Florida (MIA), on the one hand, and Santa Clara (SNU), Holguín (HOG), Matanzas/Varadero (VRA), Camagüey (CMW), and Santiago de Cuba (SCU), Cuba, on the other hand, as described further herein.¹

American respectfully requests expedited treatment of this Application in order to begin operational and marketing preparations for these new services. American will poll the U.S. carrier representatives served with this Application and advise the Department of the results as soon as possible.

In support of this Application, American respectfully states as follows:

¹ American was previously allocated frequencies to serve these points. See DOT Order 2016-6-5; Notice of Action Taken, dated July 30, 2018 (Docket DOT-OST-2016-0021); Notice of Action Taken, dated October 4, 2018 (Docket DOT-OST-2016-0021). To the extent necessary, American is also applying for frequencies to serve these non-Havana points as detailed below.

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1. American is a Delaware corporation with its principal office at 4333 Amon Carter Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76155.

2. American is a citizen of the United States within the meaning of 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(15)(C) and is fit, willing, and able to provide the services contemplated by this Application. American holds various certificates of public convenience and exemption authorities. See, e.g., DOT Order 2007-4-2 (Blanket Open-Skies Route Authority); Notice of Action Taken, August 21, 2015, renewal pending, Docket DOT-OST-1997-2302 (Miami, Florida – Santa Cruz and La Paz, Bolivia). American currently holds authority to serve Miami – Havana and previously held authority for service from Miami to certain non-Havana points in Cuba. See Notice of Action Taken, July 25, 2018, renewal pending (Miami – Havana); Notice of Action Taken, April 10, 2018 (Camagüey, Holguin, Matanzas/Varadero, and Santa Clara); Notice of Action Taken, dated October 4, 2018 (Santiago de Cuba).² Pursuant to Rule 24 of the Department's Rules of Practice, American requests that the Department take official notice of all information previously filed to establish its fitness.

3. In light of the Department's decision in DOT Order 2022-6-1 to lift the suspension of scheduled service to non-Havana points in place since October 2019, American is eager to resume scheduled service to several non-Havana points in Cuba. American plans to commence the following services:

- Two (2) year-round daily frequencies between Miami, Florida (MIA) and Santa Clara, Cuba (Abel Santamaría Airport, SNU), starting on or about November 3, 2022.

² The exemption authorities for non-Havana points expired while the suspension of service under the DOT Notice, dated October 25, 2019, was still in effect.

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- One (1) year-round daily frequency between MIA and Holguín, Cuba (Frank País Airport, HOG), starting on or about November 4, 2022.
- One (1) year-round daily frequency between MIA and Matanzas/Varadero, Cuba (Juan Gualberto Gómez Airport, VRA), starting on or about November 3, 2022.
- One (1) year-round daily frequency between MIA and Camagüey, Cuba (Ignacio Agramonte International Airport, CMW), starting on or about November 4, 2022.
- One (1) year-round daily frequency between MIA and Santiago de Cuba, Cuba (Antonio Maceo Airport, SCU), starting on or about November 5, 2022.

The following are proposed schedules for these flights, as of the time of this Application.

Frequency	Equipment	Dept Arp	Dept Time	Arvl Arp	Arvl Time	Dept Arp	Dept Time	Arvl Arp	Arvl Time
Daily	737	MIA	835	SNU	940	SNU	1040	MIA	1155
Daily	737	MIA	1825	SNU	1930	SNU	2030	MIA	2145
Daily	737	MIA	1245	VRA	1354	VRA	1455	MIA	1555
Daily	737	MIA	1310	HOG	1435	HOG	1535	MIA	1710
Daily	319	MIA	1735	SCU	1918	SCU	2008	MIA	2157
Daily	319	MIA	835	CMW	950	CMW	1040	MIA	1210

* All times local.

American proposes to operate its Miami – SNU, Miami – HOG, and Miami – VRA services with 172-seat (16J/30MCE/126Y)³ Boeing 737-800 aircraft and its Miami – CMW and Miami – SCU services with 128-seat (8J/24MCE/96Y) Airbus A-319 aircraft.

4. The services proposed in this Application are in the public interest because they will enhance service and access between the U.S. and these non-Havana points, after more than two years during which such service was suspended by DOT Notice.

³ “MCE” refers to Main Cabin Extra.

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American's service will also fulfill the public interest by offering and maintaining the best connectivity to Cuba via its Miami hub and providing substantial competition to other U.S. carriers serving Cuba.

5. In order to initiate this scheduled air service, American requests:

(1) an exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41101 permitting it to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Miami, on the one hand, and Santa Clara (SNU), Holguín (HOG), Matanzas/Varadero (VRA), Camagüey (CMW), and Santiago de Cuba (SCU), Cuba, on the other hand; and

(2) Allocations of the following daily frequencies, to the extent necessary:

SNU – 2; HOG – 1; VRA – 1; CMW – 1; and SCU – 1.

6. American's Application is consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Cuba, signed in Havana, Cuba, on February 16, 2016 ("2016 MOU"). The 2016 MOU provides that the United States may designate airlines to conduct scheduled services "between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in Cuba" and that "[t]he United States and Cuba intend to permit airlines of the other Country holding all necessary authorizations and licenses to operate scheduled and charter service over the routes specified in paragraph 1 [quoted above] and as specified in the Annex of this Memorandum." (2016 MOU, Section 1, Paras. 1, 5.) The Annex provides that, "[f]or scheduled services to and from any other point [i.e., non-Havana] in Cuba, airlines of each Country may operate up to ten (10) daily frequencies to each airport."

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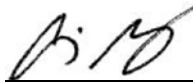
(2016 MOU, Annex.) The exemption authority and frequencies that American is applying for herein are fully consistent with the 2016 MOU.

7. American states that approval of this Application will have no effect on its CRAF commitments.

8. Furthermore, American submits that its Application raises no environmental or energy issues, and anticipates no difficulty in obtaining fuel for its U.S.-Cuba service.

9. American will accept and abide by all terms, limitations, and conditions that the Department normally attaches to exemption authority for scheduled foreign air transportation. American asks that the requested exemption authority be granted for at least a two-year term and that the requested frequencies be granted for an indefinite term consistent with past practice.

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Application of American Airlines (select non-Havana points) has been served this June 28, 2022, upon the following addressees:

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